

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority

FROM: Linda Hoffman, ESA Adolfson Consulting Team

DATE: June 12, 2009

SUBJECT: Contract Between Lewis County and Earth Economics for an Ecosystem Services Analysis

Last month the Authority was presented with an interlocal agreement between Lewis and Grays Harbor Counties authorizing funding and a contract between Grays Harbor County and Earth Economics to conduct an economic analysis of ecosystem services in the Chehalis River Basin. After a presentation and discussion the Flood Authority decided to table the action until the June meeting.

One of the items of discussion regarding this proposed study was to change the contracting agency to Lewis County on behalf of the Flood Authority, instead of Grays Harbor County for the Chehalis Basin Partnership. The rationale for this change is that the study would be totally funded by Flood Authority funds and the Chehalis Basin Partnership would not be funding any part of the study. This appears to be a more direct approach to the contracting, while still providing for involvement of both entities, each of whom has an interest in being engaged in the study and using study results. The Contract has been revised consistent with this approach. The legal provisions have been revised to be consistent with Lewis County's standard contract language. The scope of work has been clarified and the budget remains the same as you have seen previously.

Please be prepared to recommend changes to the contract and scope at the June 18th meeting if needed. The proposed action for your June 18 meeting is to authorize Lewis County, on behalf of the Flood Authority, to enter into the proposed contract with Earth Economics to accomplish the scope of work for an ecosystems services analysis of the Chehalis River Basin with a budget that will not exceed \$75,000.